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REMARKS

Rejection Of The Claims Under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e)

Claims 6-36 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Korenek, Jr. (U.S. Pat. No. 6,527,408 B1). However, as explained below, Korenek, Jr. does not qualify as prior art against the present application.

Applicant's above-identified application claims priority to Taiwanese application number 88218182, filed October 26, 1999. Applicant herewith encloses a certified translation of the Taiwanese application in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.55(a)(4) and MPEP § 201.15. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that Korenek is not prior art to Applicant's application and respectfully requests withdrawal of Examiner's rejections.

Objection To The Drawings

The Examiner objected to the drawings under 37 C.F.R. § 1.83(a) for not showing "illuminators L1 to L2 in Figs. 8 and 9 as described on page 6 of the specification."

The Examiner also objected to the drawings under 37 C.F.R. § 1.84(p)(5) for not including "the following reference sign(s) mentioned in the description: a) no 'LED' shown in Fig. 2 as set forth in line 29, page 4; b) no centrifugal sensor '13' shown in Fig. 5 as set forth in line 13, page 5; c) Figs 6 and 7 show sparkling lights 'L1 to L5' and not 'L1 to L2' as set forth in line 25, page 5; d) there is no mounting groove '22' shown in Fig. 6 as set forth in line 31, page 5."

In addition, the Examiner noted that "one box shown in Fig. 2 is blank without labeling or a reference numeral" and requested clarification of the purpose of this box.

Changes to the Drawings

In response to the foregoing objections to the drawings, Applicant respectfully requests approval of the drawings changes depicted in Figures 1, 2, 5, and 8, which are enclosed herewith under 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(d). Applicant also encloses red-lined copies of Figures 1, 2, 5, and 8 showing the proposed changes.

Applicant has amended Figure 1 to delete the words "Power Source" under reference numeral 14. No new matter has been added, as the specification already identifies reference numeral 14 with a power source. See Page 4, line 8.

Applicant has amended Figure 2 to correctly direct the lead line of reference numeral 115 to the dashed box. Applicant respectfully submits that said lead line was inadvertently and

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mistakenly directed to one of the boxes inside the dashed box and that the corrected configuration does not introduce new matter. For example, the same figure in Taiwanese Application No. 88218182, a certified translation of which is included herewith and from which the above-identified application claims priority, illustrates the correct configuration of Figure 2. Thus, the changed lead line correctly associates the dashed box with the "frequency generator" identified as reference numeral 115 in the specification. Accordingly, Applicant has deleted the words "Frequency Generator" from Figure 2. Applicant respectfully submits the two boxes within the dashed box are parts of the frequency generator and function as I/O, or input/output, modules. This is supported by the specification, for example on page 4, lines 28-32, which describes the logic controller 111 as driving the frequency generator 115 and the generator 115 communicating a signal to the sparkling control circuit 12.

Applicant has also amended Figure 5 to include reference numeral "13" to identify the centrifugal sensor, as described in page 5, line 13 of the specification.

Applicant has also amended Figure 8 to include reference identifiers L1 to L5 for the illuminators of the alerting circuit arrangement 1. As discussed above with regard to the amendments to the specification, Applicant respectfully submits that no new matter has been added and that the addition of the L1 to L5 reference identifiers is supported by the specification.

Amendments to the Specification

Applicant has also made changes to the specification in accordance with the changes made to the drawings. In particular, Applicant has amended the specification to replace "L1 to L2" with "L1 to L5" on page 6, line 8. This amendment merely corrects a typographical error, is supported by the specification, and does not introduce new matter. For example, lines 16 to 19 on page 6 provide support for the alerting circuit arrangement 1 adapted for a motorcycle, as depicted in Figures 8 and 9, and including illuminators L1 to L5. Additionally, Figure 8 shows the alerting circuit arrangement 1 having five distinct illuminators.

Applicant has also amended the specification to replace "LED" with "LEH" on page 4, line 29. As above, this amendment merely corrects a typographical error, is supported by the specification, and does not introduce new matter. For example, lines 3 to 12 of page 5 associate "LEH" with the "high position signal," as used on page 4, line 28.

Applicant has also amended the specification to replace "L1 to L2" with "L1 to L5" on page 5, line 25 and to replace "groove 22" with "groove 221" on page 5, line 31. Applicant

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respectfully submits that these amendments merely correct typographical errors, are supported by the specification, and do not introduce new matter. For example, lines 8-12 of page 5 associate the illuminators with descriptors "L1 to L5" and Figure 6 shows five distinct illuminators labeled L1 to L5. Also, line 27 of page 5 identifies "a mounting groove" with reference numeral 221, and Figure 6 identifies grooves with reference numeral 221.

CONCLUSION

Applicant believes he has adequately addressed all of the Examiner's objections and rejections. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the Examiner's rejections and objections. Additionally, Applicant respectfully renews his request for the declaration of an interference with U.S. Patent No. 6,467,939 B2 and respectfully requests that examination of this application be "conducted with special dispatch," as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.607 and MPEP § 2307.

Applicant believes no filing fees are due with this amendment because it is being submitted within the 3-month shortened statutory period. However, please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted,

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DECORATIVE ALERT SYSTEM

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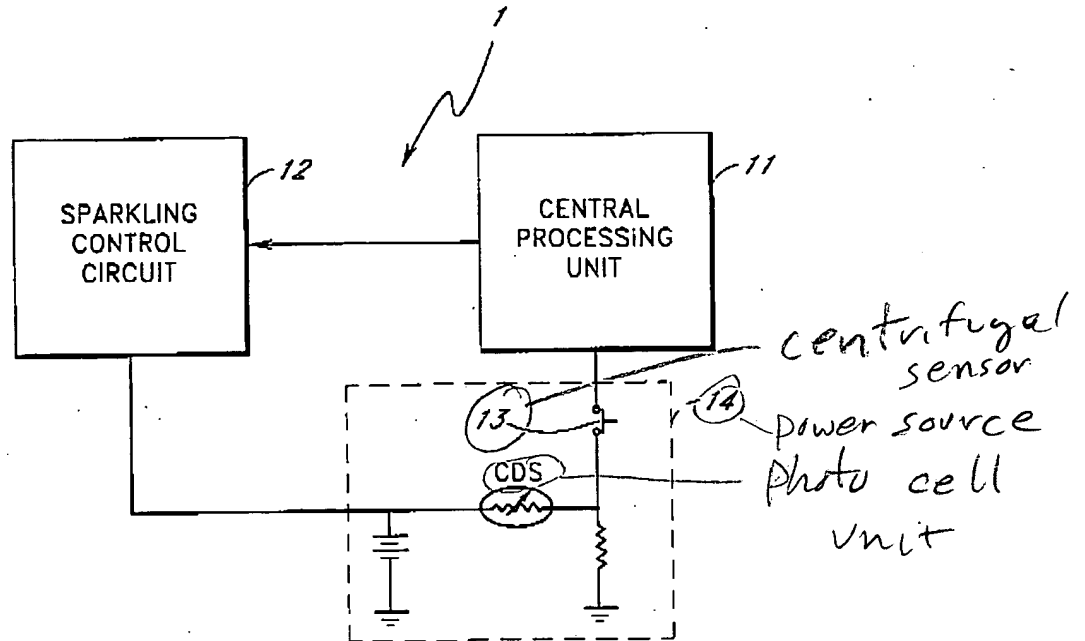


FIG. 1

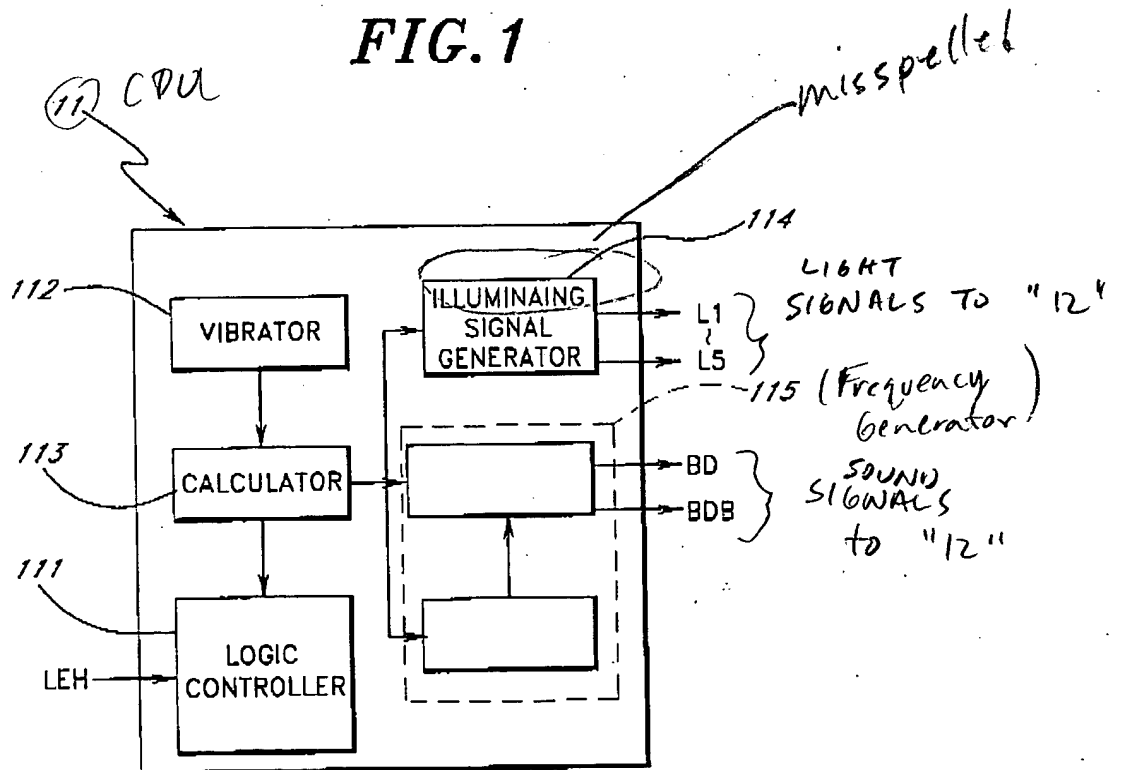


FIG. 2

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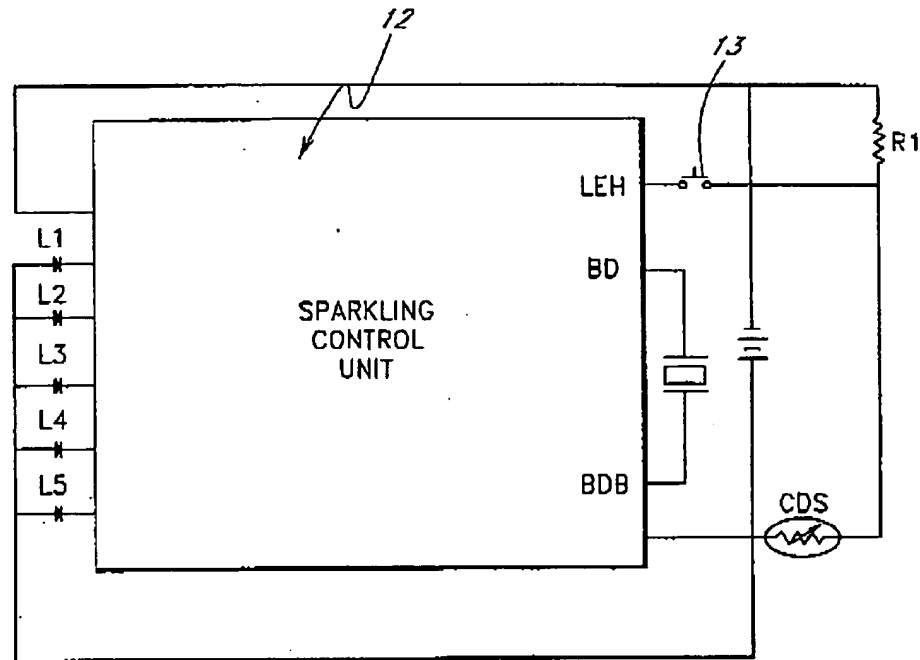


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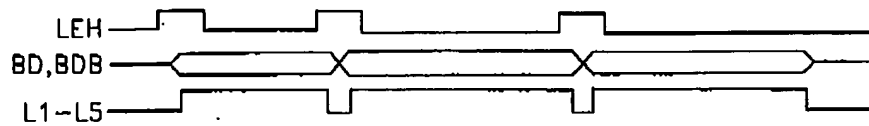


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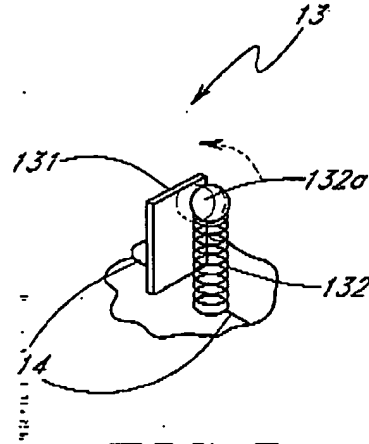


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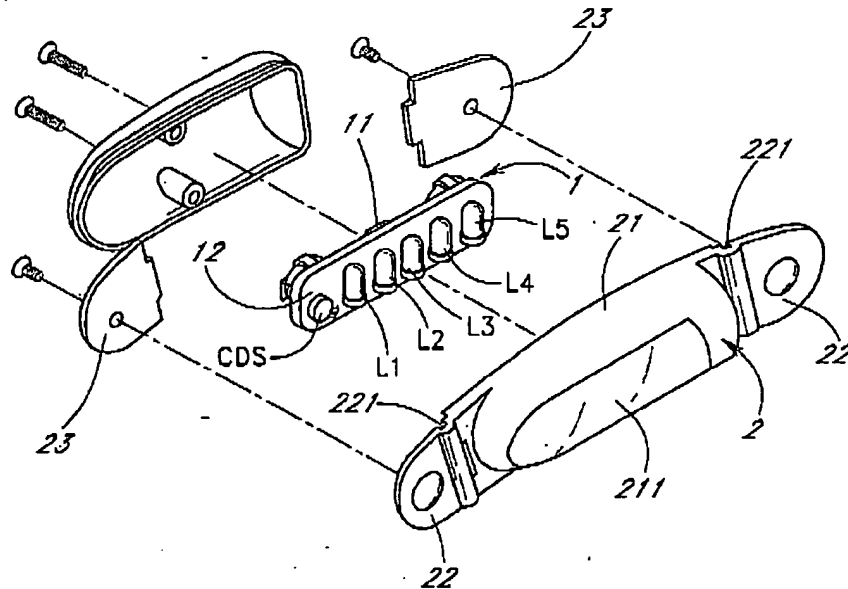


FIG. 6

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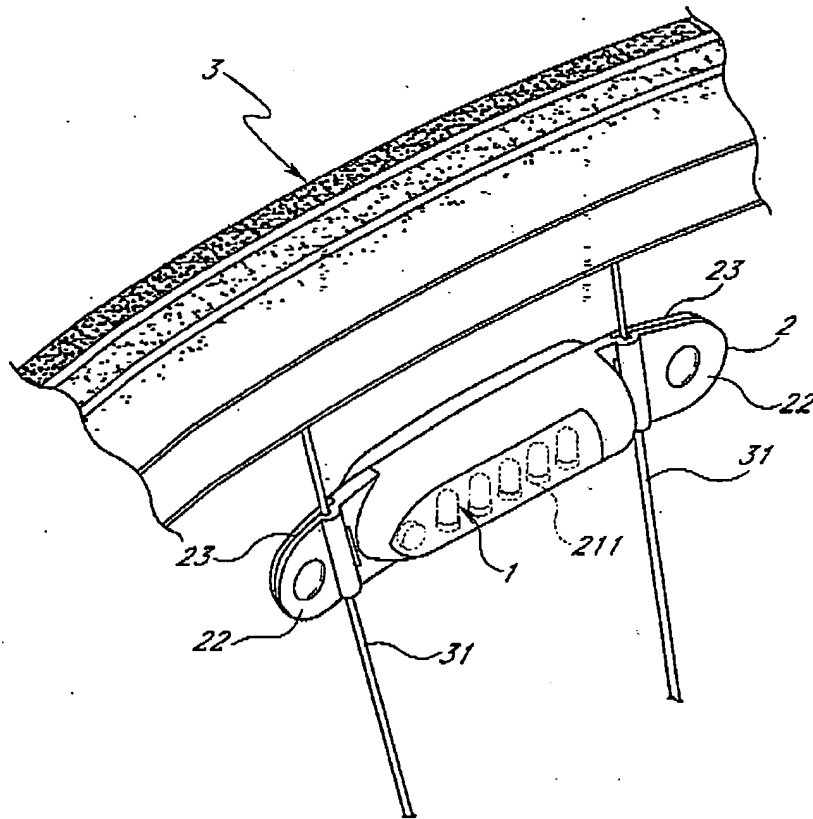


FIG. 7